Oct 20, 2024 Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 AM *Those who are able, please stand WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

We are pleased that you are worshipping with us today. We hope the service will be a blessing to you. This is the Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost. Today is Giving Sunday. Today we are talking about What gifts we can bring on this day when we Pledge to give of our Times, Talents and Gifts this year.

The Flowers on the Alter are in Memory pf Leslie Perry Given by the Capasso and Boles Family.

Announcements:

Free Lunch Monday Oct. 21, 2024 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

October 21, 2024 Monthly Food Pantry 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

October 22, 2024 - 6:30 ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

October 27, 2024 - Laity Sunday - Service in the Chapel w/Lay Servants

October 28, 2024 - Fourth Bible Study Session in Parlor @ 1:00

MUSICAL PRELUDE: "My Friend" (Pianist) Mavis Baldwin

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (In Unison)

God hears the cries of our hearts, sees our actions, knows our attitudes. God has given to each one of us blessings and talents. With joy we bring these gifts to God in service today. We come joyfully to the house of the Lord and bring our praise and our offerings to God. This is our gift and our sacrifice and our acts of devotion to God.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Leader: The time for harvest is close at hand. What have you done with the gifts God has given you?

People: We have brought our gifts to the house of the Lord. Praise God for the gifts and for opportunities for service that they represent.

Leader: We each have many gifts to offer in service to God today.

People: By serving and caring for others, we truly serve God.

Leader: God's Glory is pouring forth from the heavens.

People: We open our lives to do God's will, and we ask God to accept our praise and gratitude.

All: We are God's beloved children, the stewards whom God has selected to care for God's world. AMEN.

GATHERING SONG "What Gift Can We Bring"

UMH 87

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (In Unison)

Leading and Guiding God, you have opened the doors to us for true service. We are encouraged to become involved in ministries of peace and justice. Guide our lives as we learn more of what you would have us do. The light of God's promise is reflected in your Spirit which rests in each one of us. Get us ready to serve you. Lead us in pathways of service and away from the trails of fear and anxiety. Guide our lives, as we learn more of what you would have us do, for we ask this in Jesus name. AMEN.

Time with God's Children:

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS (Prayer request forms are available)

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE "Surely the Presence of the Lord" UMH 328

GIVING OF OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "The Wonder of it All" Chancel Choir

DOXOLOGY "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 95

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGING

Loving God, you teach us humility and service. We bring our offerings today with grateful hearts. As we reflect on your holy scripture today, may we give as a testament to our commitment to serve others, not seeking the highest places but embracing the path of sacrificial love. Today we bring our gifts of time and talent as well as our offerings. Bless these gifts and use them to advance your kingdom. Remind us that true greatness always comes through serving. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

SONG OF COMMITMENT "Many Gifts, One Spirit"

UMH 114

WHY I COMMIT TO GIVE MY TIME, TALENT AND GIFTS... Ron Holly/Tom Kevlin

Psalter Reading: (Responsive) Psalm 41 UMH 776

Affirmation of Faith: (Please Stand) The Apostle's Creed UMH 885

GLORIA PATRI (We use this ancient response to praise God) UMH 70

SCRIPTURE 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13, Mark 12: 41-43, Matthew 10:8

SHARING THE STORY "Why I Give of My Time and Talents" Pastor Joyce Royal

** Place YourPledge/Giving Cards in the Basket at the Front of the Church **

Jesus Oh Jesus Come and Fill Your Lambs (Pianist Mavis Baldwin).....UMH 347

SENDING SONG "Freely, Freely" UMH 389

SENDING FORTH

You have been made free by the love of God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Be at peace and bring God's peace and love with you wherever you go. Know always that God offers you a quiet place of rest whenever you are weary and need comfort. Trust God in the deepest parts of your being. Having opened your hearts to God and received God's healing love, go now into this world with the good news of God's presence and compassion. Go into the world to serve God by helping others In Jesus Name. Amen

MUSICAL POSTLUDE "What Gift Can I Bring" Pianist Mavis Baldwin

Giving Speakers: Ron Holly and Tom Kevlin, Trustees

Prayer List: Calae Bonfey, Logan Rose, Jean Hart, Elaine Schrum, Carol Johnson, Kevin Quaresino, Portia Robles, Dave & Stacy Winnie, Ivy Patterson, Family of Andrea Russell and for her daughter Zoey and Matt Brezosky, James's Mother, Valerie Eisenhauer *** If you have a joy or a prayer request of the Prayer Chain group, please call Carol Johnson at 518-921-9902

Welcome to Worship

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